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Donald Corey (Historic Preservation Commission) 2013
Catherine Cordes (Selectmen Liaison) 2013

28.3 Responsibilities

The Community Preservation Committee shall perform duties required of the committee as outlined in Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, including study of community preservation needs, communicating with other municipal boards and committees, holding public informational hearings, and making funding recommendations to Town Meeting.

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Bedford chose to pass the 3% surcharge. Which means that for the assessed value of your house above \$100,000 you pay an additional 3% of your tax bill (not your tax rate). This money is then pooled together and matched by the state.

We have received a 100% match from the state from FY02 - FY07. The current match is not yet

know.

There are exceptions from the CPA for people with limited incomes. For more information please contact the [Assessor's office](#).

What is the CPC?

The Community Preservation Act requires the town to create a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of 9 people with 6 members representing town committees and 3 "at large" members.

This committee reviews projects that are seeking CPA dollars and determines how the money will be spent. In addition the committee will present a report to the Town Meeting at least once a year to explain what projects are being considered, what criteria were used to pick the funded projects, and which projects will ultimately be funded.

How To Get Involved

The first way to get involved is attend the CPC Meetings and Public Hearings as well as Annual and Special Town Meetings.

You can get a list of all the committee meetings in the Meetings List.

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